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KOLLAS's GOSSIP ABOUT SMIRNOVA's DEPARTURE
REPORTED TO CLAYTON BY E. HUDSON

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To: VIKTOR[1].

CLAYTON [HELETON][11] [CS has passed to "TECHNICIAN
[TEKHNIK]"[111] [4 groups unrecovered] [CS received] from an
undercover [MELESL'NY] member of the party, E. HUDSON [HUDSON]
who is living in QUEENSBYAN [KIMBIEN] (7 miles from CANBERRA)
about the gossip which is being spread around in QUEENSBYAN in
connection with the departure of [B] SMIRNOVA[14]. In her
letter HUDSON says that on

[75 groups unrecovered]

[31 groups unrecoverable]

all the gossip about the Soviet Legation is being spread by a
Russian - KOLLAS who lives near to it. The latter [b] [CS is one
of] TECHNICIAN's [TEKHNIK] acquaintances. He knew him through
the KRANIDOV's [KRANIDOVY] and kept in touch with SMIRNOV [v].
At one time he worked as a gardener at the Legation, but was soon
dismissed. After that he became angry and began to spread all
kinds of dirt in regard to the Legation. According to what

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HUDSON writes, KOLLAS one day came to ALEXANDER [ALEKSANDR][c]
[10 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOVA, naturally not [2 groups
unrecovered] government. But her husband and daughter [3 groups
unrecovered] Russia. [35 SMIRNOVA.] herself

[37 groups unrecoverable]

[D. HUDSON] also points out that SMIRNOVA allegedly received
some kind of letter from America through KOLLAS. She describes
SMIRNOVA as a foolish woman. In conclusion H.[vi] is asking
the Central Committee [TsK][vii] to render help and stop the
slander being spread by KOLLAS.

[Part II] Note: He reported to you about KOLLAS at one time.
At our insistence he was dismissed from the Legation. H.[viii]
is an extremely close friend of the KRANIDOVs. After [the
departure] of the SMIRNOV K. [4 groups unrecovered] and
judging by MOROZOV[ix] [2 groups unrecovered] SMIRNOV[d],
[5 groups unrecovered], he again asked but SMIRNOV[c] left

[80 groups unrecovered]

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2.4.: [a] On "his", but compare the second sentence in the
penultimate paragraph, where a feminine pronoun is
used which appears to refer to HUDSON.

[a] I.e. KOLLAS.

[c] Note that this is the English name ALEXANDER and
not the Russian ALEKSANDR. [10 groups unrecovered]

[d] Or SMIRNOVA.

[e] Enciphered at the end of Part I.

Comments: [1] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIK.

[11] Walter Siddon CLAYTON.

[111] TEKNIK: probably Fedor Andreevich NOSOV, TASS
Correspondent in SYDNEY.

[17] F. Hudson

[18] Nina Stepanovna SMIRNOVA.

[19] KOLLAS [10 groups unrecovered]

[v] Anatolij Nikolaevich SMIRNOV, accountant at the
Soviet Legation in CANBERRA, March 1943 - January
1945.

[vi] H.[=H] : i.e. HUDSON.

[vii] Presumably the Central Committee of the Australian
Communist Party.

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[viii] K. : i.e. KOLLAS.

[ix] * Georgij Mikhajlovich TOROZOV, Press Attaché
at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA, March
1943 - July 1946.

[x] EPIM: probably Semen Ivanovich LUGEROV,
Clerk at the Soviet Embassy in CANBERRA,
April 1943 - April 1947. Promoted to
3rd Secretary in April 1947 and to 2nd
Secretary in November 1948. Left Australia
in June 1949.

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